

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Chellie Pingree
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
and Related Agencies
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable David Joyce
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
and Related Agencies
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Dear Chairwoman Pingree and Ranking Member Joyce:

As you begin your work on the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, I respectfully request that you provide the following language/ funding in support of Lake Tahoe:

- **\$40,350,000 for USFS Lake Tahoe Basin Forest Health, and the following language:**
“Of the amount made available under this section, no less than \$40,350,000 shall be used for implementing subsection (b) of Section 5, of Public Law 106-506, as amended.”
- **\$10,750,000 to improve wildfire response infrastructure in the Lake Tahoe Basin, and the following language:**
“Of the funds made available, \$10,750,000 is provided for municipal infrastructure projects for implementation of Section 5(d)(1)(A)(viii) of Public Law 106-506, as amended.”
- **Report language on USFS prioritization of wildfire response infrastructure projects:**
“The Committee recognizes the Service’s efforts to create fire-resilient communities through a combination of active fuel reduction treatments and collaboration with municipal water and fire agencies to improve critical infrastructure and expand wildfire response capabilities in the Lake Tahoe Basin. The Committee urges the Forest Service to consider the needs of disadvantaged communities, which have great vulnerability to wildfires, when prioritizing projects.”
- **\$7,200,000 for USFWS Invasive Species Management in the Lake Tahoe Basin, and the following language:**
“Of the amount made available under this section, no less than \$7,200,000 shall be used for implementing subsection (d)(2) of Section 5, of Public Law 106-506, as amended.”
- **\$8,100,000 for USFWS Invasive Species Management in Alpine Lakes Pilot Program, and the following language:**
“Of the amount made available under this section, \$8,100,000 is to implement the Invasive Species in Alpine Lakes Pilot Program, as authorized by the Water Resources Development Act of 2020 (Public Law 116-260).”
- **\$2,300,000 for Administrative Oversight of the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act through USFS, and the following language:**
“Of the amount made available under this section, no less than \$2,300,000 shall be used for implementing subsection (a) of Section 6, of Public Law 106-506, as amended.”

- **\$48,400,000 for USFS Lake Tahoe Basin Watershed Health, and the following language:**
“Of the amount made available under this section, no less than \$48,400,000 shall be used for implementing subsection (d)(3) of Section 5, of Public Law 106-506, as amended.”

I know that you have a difficult task ahead of you as you make funding decisions. I appreciate your consideration of these important provisions. Please do not hesitate to let Kevin Herzik (Kevin.Herzik@mail.house.gov) on my staff know should you have any questions.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven Horsford". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steven Horsford
Member of Congress